UNITED STATES,)	NOTICE OF DIRECT
Appellee,)	APPEAL PURSUANT TO
)	ARTICLE 66(b)(1)(A), UCMJ
v.)	
Specialist Three (E-3))	No. ACM XXXXX
ERIK P. HILSON, JR.,)	
United States Space Force,)	25 September 2024
Appellant.)	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

On 6 March 2024, Appellant, Specialist Three (Spc3) Erik P. Hilson, Jr., was tried by a military judge, sitting as a special court-martial at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Consistent with his plea, Appellant was convicted of one charge and one specification of assault inflicting grievous bodily injury, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The military judge sentenced Appellant to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500 pay per month for two months, to perform hard labor without confinement for 30 days, and to be confined for a period of 60 days. R. at 155.

On 27 June 2024, the Government mailed Appellant the required notice of his right to appeal within 90 days. Pursuant to Article 66(b)(1)(A), UCMJ, 10 U.S.C. § 866(b)(1)(A), Appellant files his notice of direct appeal with this Court.

Respectfully submitted,



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UNITED STATES)	No. ACM 24063
Appellee)	
)	
v.)	
)	ORDER
Erick P. HILSON, Jr.)	
Specialist 3 (E-3))	
U.S. Space Force)	
Appellant)	Panel 1

On 7 November 2024, counsel for Appellant submitted a Motion for Enlargement of Time (First) requesting an additional 60 days to submit Appellant's assignments of error. The Government opposed the motion.

The court has considered Appellant's motion, the Government's opposition, case law, and this court's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Accordingly, it is by the court on this 13th day of November, 2024,

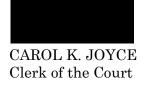
ORDERED:

Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time (First) is **GRANTED**. Appellant shall file any assignments of error not later than **24 January 2025**.

Each request for an enlargement of time will be considered on its merits. Appellant's counsel is advised that any subsequent motions for enlargement of time shall include, in addition to matters required under this court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, statements as to: (1) whether Appellant was advised of Appellant's right to a timely appeal, (2) whether Appellant was provided an update of the status of counsel's progress on Appellant's case, (3) whether Appellant was advised of the request for an enlargement of time, and (4) whether Appellant agrees with the request for an enlargement of time.



FOR THE COURT



UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (FIRST)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Air Force,)
Appellant.) 7 November 2024

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1) and (2) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 60 days, which will end on **24 January 2025**.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 42 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 120 days will have elapsed since docketing.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,



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UNITED STATES,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
)	OF TIME
v.)	
)	
Specialist Three (E-3))	ACM 24063
ERICK P. HILSON Jr, USSF,)	
Appellant.)	Panel No.1
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (SECOND)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 15 January 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1) and (4) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on 23 February 2025.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 111 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 150 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial sitting as a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for 60 days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to 50 days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of this case.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES, Appellee,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME
V.)	
Specialist Three (E-3))	ACM 24063
ERICK P. HILSON, Jr., USSF, Appellant.)	Panel No.1
)	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (SECOND)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 16 January 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1) and (4) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on 23 February 2025.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 112 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 150 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial sitting as a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for 60 days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to 50 days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution

Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript

is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed

her review of the record of this case.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for

Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for

Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been

provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was

advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose

a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this

enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the

requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
)	OF TIME
v.)	
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Specialist Three (E-3))	ACM 24063
ERICK P. HILSON, Jr., USSF,)	
Appellant.)	Panel No.1
)	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

JENNY A. LIABENOW, Lt Col, USAF Director of Operations Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division Military Justice and Discipline Directorate United States Air Force

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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (THIRD)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 13 February 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1) and (4) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of 30 days, which will end on **25 March 2025**.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 140 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 180 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial sitting as a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for 60 days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to 50 days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution

Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript

is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed

her review of the record of this case.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for

Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for

Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been

provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was

advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose

a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this

enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the

requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES,)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
Appellee,)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
)	OF TIME
v.)	
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Specialist Three (E-3))	ACM 24063
ERICK P. HILSON, Jr., USSF,)	
Appellant.)	Panel No.1
)	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
	OF TIME (FOURTH)
V.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 14 March 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1), (4), and (6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of thirty days, which will end on 24 April 2025.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 169 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 210 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial composed of a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for sixty days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to fifty days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of this case.

Pursuant to A.F. Ct. Crim. App. R. 23.3(m)(6), undersigned counsel also provides the following information: Capt Grande is currently assigned 25 cases; 22 cases are pending before this Court (18 cases are pending AOEs). Five cases have priority over the present case:

- 1. *United States v. Ryder*, ACM No. 40605- This case is pending the Government's Answer, due on 25 March 2025. Undersigned counsel will draft a reply brief, if any, which will be due by 1 April (at the latest).
- 2. United States v. Ledee-Nicholls, ACM No. 40667 The record of trial consists of one e-ROT with six volumes, three prosecution exhibits, 20 Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 122 pages long. Undersigned counsel has completed her review of the record in this case and will begin drafting the AOE after completion of the United States v. Gale Answer.
- 3. *United States v. Boggs*, ACM No. 40678 The record of trial consists of nine Prosecution Exhibits, one Defense Exhibit, and twenty-six Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 161 pages long. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of trial in this case.
- 4. *United States v. Hedgepath*, ACM No. 40681– The record of trial consists of one ROT with four volumes, three Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, three Defense Exhibits, and five Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 115 pages long. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of trial in this case.

5. *United States v. Rockrich*, ACM No. 40666 – The record of trial consists of two Prosecution Exhibits, one Defense Exhibit, and sixteen Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 96 pages long. Appellant is currently confined. Undersigned counsel has

completed her review of the transcript for this case; but not the entire record.

In addition to the aforementioned cases, Captain Grande is trial defense counsel for the

general court-martial *United States v. Fewell*, docketed for the week of 7 April 2025 at Luke Air

Force Base, Arizona.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for

Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for

Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been

provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was

advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose

a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this

enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the

requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES' GENER	RAL
	OPPOSITION TO	
Appellee,) APPELLANT'S MOTION	FOR
) ENLARGEMENT OF TIM	Œ
V.)	
	Before Panel No. 1	
Specialist Three (E-3))	
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063	
United States Space Force.)	
Appellant) 14 March 2025	

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.



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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (FIFTH)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Annellant) 14 April 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1), (4), and (6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of thirty days, which will end on 24 May 2025.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 200 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 240 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial composed of a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for sixty days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to fifty days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of this case.

Pursuant to A.F. Ct. Crim. App. R. 23.3(m)(6), undersigned counsel also provides the following information: Maj Grande is currently assigned 27 cases; 25 cases are pending before this Court (21 cases are pending AOEs). Six cases have priority over the present case:

- 1. *United States v. Gale*, ACM No. 202501 Maj Grande is preparing for oral argument scheduled for 24 April 2025.
- 2. *United States v. Serjak*, USCA Dkt. No. 25-0120/AF; Crim.App. No. 40392 The record of trial consists of twelve volumes, fourteen Prosecution Exhibits, ten Defense Exhibits, three Court Exhibits, and eighty-four Appellate Exhibits. The Government's brief in support of this TJAG certified issue is due to the CAAF by 24 April 2025, and undersigned counsel will then draft the Appellee's Answer.
- 3. *United States v. Ledee-Nicholls*, ACM No. 40667 The record of trial consists of one e-ROT with six volumes, three Prosecution Exhibits, 20 Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 122 pages long. Undersigned counsel is currently drafting the AOE.
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- 6. *United States v. Rockrich*, ACM No. 40666 The record of trial consists of two Prosecution Exhibits, one Defense Exhibit, and sixteen Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 96 pages long. Appellant is currently confined. Undersigned counsel has completed her review of the transcript for this case; but not the entire record.

In addition to the aforementioned cases, Major Grande qualified for and is running the Boston Marathon on 21 April 2025. She is taking three days of leave to travel and run the race.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES' GENERAL
	OPPOSITION TO
Appellee,) APPELLANT'S MOTION FOR
) ENLARGEMENT OF TIME
v.	
	Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force.)
Appellant) 16 April 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.



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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
	OF TIME (SIXTH)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 16 May 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1), (4), and (6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of thirty days, which will end on 23 June 2025.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 232 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 270 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial composed of a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for sixty days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to fifty days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of this case.

Pursuant to A.F. Ct. Crim. App. R. 23.3(m)(6), undersigned counsel also provides the following information: Maj Grande is currently assigned 27 cases; 25 cases are pending before this Court (21 cases are pending AOEs). Five cases have priority over the present case:

- 1. *United States v. Serjak*, USCA Dkt. No. 25-0120/AF; Crim.App. No. 40392 The record of trial consists of twelve volumes, fourteen Prosecution Exhibits, ten Defense Exhibits, three Court Exhibits, and eighty-four Appellate Exhibits. Undersigned counsel traveled to Military Correctional Facility Miramar for a continued confinement hearing on 11-12 May 2025 and, pursuant to a CAAF order, is currently drafting a Reply to the Government's Answer to the CAAF's Show Cause Order. Additionally, undersigned counsel is drafting the Appellee's Answer to the Government's Brief on the certified issue.
- 2. *United States v. Ledee-Nicholls*, ACM No. 40667 The record of trial consists of one e-ROT with six volumes, three Prosecution Exhibits, 20 Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 122 pages long. Appellant is submitting a Motion to Withdraw from Appellate Review.
- 3. *United States v. Boggs*, ACM No. 40678 The record of trial consists of nine Prosecution Exhibits, one Defense Exhibit, and twenty-six Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 161 pages long. Undersigned counsel is currently reviewing the record of trial in this case.

- 4. *United States v. Hedgepath*, ACM No. 40681– The record of trial consists of one ROT with four volumes, three Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, three Defense Exhibits, and five Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 115 pages long. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of trial in this case.
- 5. *United States v. Rockrich*, ACM No. 40666 The record of trial consists of two Prosecution Exhibits, one Defense Exhibit, and sixteen Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 96 pages long. Appellant is currently confined. Undersigned counsel has completed her review of the transcript for this case; but not the entire record.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that the original and copies of the foregoing were sent via email to the Court and served on the Air Force Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 16 May 2025.



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)	UNITED STATES' GENERAL
)	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
)	MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
)	OF TIME
)	
)	Before Panel No. 1
)	
)	No. ACM 24063
)	
)	20 May 2025
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TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its general opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.

I certify that a copy of the foregoing was delivered to the Court and to the Air Force Appellate Defense Division on 20 May 2025.



UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (SEVENTH)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,	
Appellant.) 16 June 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1), (4), and (6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of thirty days, which will end on 23 July 2025.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 263 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 300 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial composed of a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for sixty days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to fifty days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of this case.

Pursuant to A.F. Ct. Crim. App. R. 23.3(m)(6), undersigned counsel also provides the following information: Maj Grande is currently assigned 30 cases; 26 cases are pending before this Court (22 cases are pending AOEs). Three cases have priority over the present case:

- 1. *United States v. Ingram* No. ACM S32781– The record of trials is three volumes consisting of two Prosecution Exhibits and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 86 pages. On 6 June 2025, this Court ordered briefs on a specified issue, due not later than 20 June 2025. Undersigned counsel's brief is drafted, and is undergoing peer and leadership review.
- 2. *United States v. Hedgepeth*, ACM No. 40681– The record of trial consists of one ROT with four volumes, three Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, three Defense Exhibits, and five Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 115 pages long. Undersigned counsel is currently drafting this brief, due no later than 14 July 2025. Undersigned counsel does not anticipate asking for another EOT in this case.
- 3. *United States v. Rockrich*, ACM No. 40666 The record of trial consists of two Prosecution Exhibits, one Defense Exhibit, and sixteen Appellate Exhibits; the transcript is 96 pages long. Appellant is currently confined. Undersigned counsel has completed her review of the record in this case and will begin drafting the brief after completion of *United States v. Hedgepeth*.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES'
Appellee,) OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
) MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME
)
v.) Before Panel No. 1
)
Specialist Three (E-3)) No. ACM 24063
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,)
United States Space Force,) 18 June 2025
Annellant)

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

The United States respectfully maintains that short of a death penalty case or other extraordinary circumstances, it should not take any appellant nearly a year to submit an assignment of error to this Court. If Appellant's new delay request is granted, the defense delay in this case will be 300 days in length. Appellant's nearly year long delay practically ensures this Court will not be able to issue a decision that complies with our superior Court's appellate processing standards. Appellant has already consumed almost two thirds of the 18 month standard for this Court to issue a decision, which only leaves about 8 months combined for the United Sates and this Court to perform their separate statutory responsibilities. It appears that Appellant's counsel has not completed review of the record of trial at this late stage of the appellate process.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.



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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION
Appellee,) FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME (EIGHTH)
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 13 July 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.3(m)(1), (4), and (6) of this Honorable Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Appellant hereby moves for an enlargement of time to file Assignments of Error. Appellant requests an enlargement for a period of thirty days, which will end on **22 August 2025**.

Appellant's direct appeal was docketed with this Court on 26 September 2024. From the date of docketing to the present date, 290 days have elapsed. On the date requested, 330 days will have elapsed since docketing.

On 6 March 2024, Appellant was tried by a Special Court-Martial composed of a Military Judge alone at Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea. R. at 1, 13-14. Appellant was convicted, consistent with his pleas and pursuant to a plea agreement, of One Charge with one Specification of assault consummated by a battery, in violation of Article 128, Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ). R. at 15, 63-64. The Military Judge sentenced Appellant to be reprimanded, to be reduced to the grade of E-2, to forfeit \$500.00 pay per month for two months, and to be confined for sixty days. R. at 155. The Convening Authority, upon Appellant's request, reduced the term of confinement to fifty days and suspended the adjudged forfeitures. Convening Authority Decision on Action.

The record of trial consists of one E-ROT with two volumes. It contains two Prosecution Exhibits, one Court Exhibit, eight Defense Exhibits, and four Appellate Exhibits. The transcript is 156 pages long. Appellant is not currently confined. Undersigned counsel has not yet completed her review of the record of this case.

Pursuant to A.F. Ct. Crim. App. R. 23.3(m)(6), undersigned counsel also provides the following information: Maj Grande is currently assigned 30 cases; 24 cases are pending before this Court (20 cases are pending AOEs). No cases have priority over the present case, and undersigned counsel is currently preparing the AOE in this case.

Through no fault of Appellant, undersigned counsel has been unable to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. An enlargement of time is necessary to allow counsel to prepare a brief for Appellant's case. Appellant was advised of his right to a timely appeal. Appellant has been provided an update on the status of undersigned counsel's progress on this case. Appellant was advised of the request for this enlargement of time. Appellant provided limited consent to disclose a confidential communication with counsel wherein Appellant consented to the request for this enlargement.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the requested enlargement of time.

Respectfully submitted,

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I certify that the original and copies of the foregoing were sent via email to the Court and served on the Air Force Government Trial and Appellate Operations Division on 13 July 2025.



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UNITED STATES,) UNITED STATES'
Appellee,	OPPOSITION TO APPELLANT'S
) MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT
) OF TIME
v.) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3)) No. ACM 24063
ERICK P. HILSON, JR.,)
United States Space Force,) 15 July 2025
Annellant)

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 23.2 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure, the United States hereby enters its opposition to Appellant's Motion for Enlargement of Time to file an Assignment of Error in this case.

The United States respectfully maintains that short of a death penalty case or other extraordinary circumstances, it should not take any appellant nearly a year to submit an assignment of error to this Court. If Appellant's new delay request is granted, the defense delay in this case will be 330 days in length. Appellant's nearly year long delay practically ensures this Court will not be able to issue a decision that complies with our superior Court's appellate processing standards. Appellant has already consumed almost two thirds of the 18 month standard for this Court to issue a decision, which only leaves about 7 months combined for the United Sates and this Court to perform their separate statutory responsibilities.

WHEREFORE, the United States respectfully requests that this Court deny Appellant's enlargement motion.



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UNITED STATES,) APPELLANT'S MOTION TO
Appellee,) WITHDRAW REVIEW FROM
) APPELLATE AND ATTACH
v.)
) Before Panel No. 1
Specialist Three (E-3))
ERIK P. HILSON, JR.,) No. ACM 24063
United States Space Force,)
Appellant.) 4 August 2025

TO THE HONORABLE, THE JUDGES OF THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS:

Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals and Rule for Courts-Martial (R.C.M.) 1115, Appellant moves to withdraw his case from appellate review. Appellant has fully consulted with Major Jordan Grande, his appellate defense counsel, regarding this motion to withdraw. No person has compelled, coerced, or induced Appellant by force, promises of clemency, or otherwise, to withdraw his case from appellate review.

Further, pursuant to Rules 23(b) and 23.3(b), undersigned counsel asks this Court to attach the two-page document appended to this pleading to the record of this proceeding. The appended document, Appellant's completed DD Form 2330, *Waiver/Withdrawal of Appellate Rights in General and Special Courts-Martial Subject to Review by a Court of Criminal Appeals*, is necessary to comply with R.C.M. 1115(d) and Rule 16.1 of this Court's Rules of Practice and Procedure.

WHEREFORE, Appellant respectfully requests that this Court grant this motion to withdraw from appellate review and attach matters to the record.

Respectfully submitted,



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